

Clan Graham News

REUNION NEWSLETTER

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GRAHAM REUNION JULY 3, 1989

LARGEST REUNION OF GRAHAMS IN HISTORY PLANNED

Descendents of the Jesse and Martha Jane (Fannin) Graham family, and several allied families, will get together on July 3, 1989, at Alvarado, Texas, to celebrate the largest reunion of Grahams in American history. Old relationships will be renewed, new ones will be made, and a lot will be learned about the history of the Grahams.

The "Old Settlers Reunion Pavilion" at Alvarado has been reserved for July 3rd for the Reunion. It will hold several hundred people, and is furnished with tables and chairs. A stage is also provided for the speakers who will present the Program on Graham history. Those who wish may bring basket lunches to spread for a communal lunch, as the Grahams did at church, school and other social affairs on the Cowhouse Creek. For those who prefer restaurants, there are some available in Cleburne, about 9 miles from Alvarado. As for directions to Alvarado, it is on Interstate 35W about half-way between Hillsboro and Ft. Worth. Service station attendants on any of the off-ramps can direct you to the Old Settlers Reunion Pavilion.

RSVP Slips are enclosed for those who plan to attend. While the Reunion is not intended to be a formal affair, we need to know how many are attending so as to make proper plans. Early responses from those who heard about the Reunion unofficially are enthusiastic about it. Excitement is in the air!

ABOUT THE REUNION COORDINATOR

My name is Bill E. Graham, a son of Curtis Beason and Madie Graham of Coryell and Bell Counties, Texas. Dad was a son of Curtis Beason Graham I, who was a son of Jesse and Martha Jane (Fannin) Graham. Jesse moved to Rusk County, Texas, from Alabama in 1849, and relocated to Coryell County in 1855. Nearly all of the Grahams in Coryell County descended from Jesse or his youngest brother, Gideon Graham.

I was born on the Cowhouse in 1931, and lived there with my parents until 1940. I attended high school in Killeen, and college at the University of Texas in Austin where I became a Teacher and Mechanical Engineer. I moved to California in 1962, and presently reside in Ontario.

In 1955 I became interested in the history of my family. Since that time I have conducted extensive research and have traced the direct lineage of our branch of the Grahams for 31 generations. A multi-volume set of books is being written on "The History of Clan Graham."

WHO ARE THE GRAHAMS?

The Grahams in America are of Scottish origin. They emerged into recorded history in Scotland about the year 378 A.D., became one of the strongest and most noble clans in Scotland, relocated to Ireland for a few years until about 1748 when our progenitor immigrated to the American Colonies and settled in Virginia, and his son moved south and settled in North Carolina. And just as the Grahams had played major roles in the history of Scotland, they have been significant factors in the history of America. Brief stories of some of their lives will be presented at the Reunion in Alvarado.

HISTORY OF GRAHAMS IN SCOTLAND

Originally a Norman (from Normandy), Sir William de Graham was a nobleman who was given lands in the Lothian section of Scotland in the early 1100s by King David. Subsequent heads of Clan Graham enlarged those estates through good management and marriage, and distinguished themselves as leaders and as warriors on the battlefields for the Scottish cause. Clan Graham became one of Scotland's most significant clans.

In the 15th century, one of our ancestors married a granddaughter of King Robert of Scotland, and became the owner of several very large estates in western Scotland before he was killed in battle. His name was Sir Patrick Graham. Upon the death of the King, Sir Patrick's son was first in line to inherit the crown, but since he was only a child and could not defend his rights, an older illegitimate son of the king assumed the crown. Our branch of the Grahams was banished to the Borders, which was inhabited by reivers. To survive, the Grahams became the fiercest of the reivers before being sent on garrison to Ulster, Ireland. From Ulster our ancestors immigrated to the American colonies.

HISTORY OF GRAHAMS IN AMERICA

The first Grahams of our line to land in America were Richard and Nancy Graham. They were called "Scotch-Irish", which means they were Scots who lived in Ireland a few years before coming to the colonies. They settled first in Pennslavania when their son, William, was a child, but later moved to Virginia. William grew up there, but in 1776 he moved to North Carolina where he met and married Margaret Graham of Rowan County. They settled near Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Mecklenberg, where he was a founder and elder. He was a farmer and accumulated much property in the form of land and slaves. But he was very humane

Great, Great, Great, Great, Great Grandfather & Grandmother

toward his slaves. In addition to harvest sharing, they did not work from Saturday noon to Monday morning.

The British government became more encroaching upon the rights and property of the colonists, who grew more resentful toward the British. In 1775 the colonists met and adopted a paper which declared them "a free and independent people". That paper became known as the "Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence", and since William Graham helped to draw it up and was one of the signers, he is known in history as "William Graham the Signer". William also enlisted in the militia and fought with the colonial forces in the Revolutionary War.

William and Margaret had nine children. The Texas line of their family descends from their oldest son, John.

When John became an adult, he and two younger brothers were sent west into Surry County (now part of Tennessee) to develop some land claimed by their father. It was there that John met Mary Pennington and married her in about 1800. They lived in Surry County until 1814, by which time five of their nine children had been born. The oldest was Mary who was 12; Jesse, 10; Jane, 7; Jehu, 4; and John II was 1. Alabama Fever had swept North Carolina, and John and Mary moved there in convoy with inlaws and friends, the Penningtons and the Lambs.

John and those who had relocated with him settled in Madison County, Alabama, which was then a part of the Mississippi Territory. His claim was in the 3rd & 4th Ranges, where he was still living in 1830. In that location he and Mary had two children who died young, but also had another son, Gideon, who lived an illustrious life. He and Jesse established a close relationship.

John and Mary Graham's children married as follows: Mary married Samuel Jacob Lamb; Jesse married Martha Jane Fannin; Jane married Alva Anderson Lamb; and Gideon married Elizabeth Minnix. It has not been learned who Jehu and John II married.

After Jesse married Martha Jane Fannin, he settled a homestead on the Paint Rock River in Jackson County, Alabama. Ten of their eleven children were born on that homestead. However, Alabama became settled so rapidly that Jesse's sons would have no land to homestead in Northern Alabama, so Jesse looked to the new frontiers in Texas where there was plenty of land.

In 1849 Jesse organized some of his relatives and many of his neighbors into a caravan of covered wagons, and led them over the Natchez Trail to Rusk County, Texas. He settled southwest of Henderson, and his school-age children attended school near Tatum, Texas. Indeed, his oldest son, Isaac Jackson Graham, taught at the school, which was the only school in Rusk County. It was in Rusk County where Jesse's last child, James Monroe Graham, was born.

As in Alabama, the land in Rusk County had mostly been claimed, and Jesse had not claimed enough acreage

to divide with all of his sons. But there was abundant land in Central Texas to be settled, so in 1855 Jesse and Martha moved with their family and certain other relatives to Coryell County where Jesse and each of his sons obtained claims. It was in that area where Jesse and Martha spent the remainder of their lives.

Jesse was a Primitive Baptist minister who founded and pastored two churches in the Cowhouse Creek region and served as a circuit-preacher for a large area in Central Texas. All of his children lived in Coryell County in the early years of their marriages, and several of them remained in the region all of their lives.

The children of Jesse and Martha in order were: Sarah Emeline, m. Joel Blackwell and C. Thomas; Isaac Jackson, m. Sarah Ann Kinsey; Curtis Beason Graham I, m. Elizabeth Thornton and Melissa Swanner; John Curtis, m. Martha Jane Sirtan and Pauline Wood (?); Ozius Denton, Martha Matilda Thornton; Martha Jane Graham, m. James Duncan Manning; William Smith, m. Ann Elizabeth Alley; Jesse Abner Graham II, m. Cornelia Griffin and Mattie Pollard; Hulda Ann, m. John P. McCloud; Benjamin Franklin, m. Sarah Abigail Fleming; and James Monroe, m. Elizabeth Jane Fleming. A short biography of each of those children is presented elsewhere in this Newsletter, and detailed biographies of each will be presented in the Program at the Clan Graham Reunion in Alvarado.

A grandson of Gideon Graham, Jesse's youngest brother, was named Gideon after his grandfather. The grandson was a state senator in Oklahoma, and wrote a short book on the Dawson and Graham families. In it he said of Jesse and Martha: "They were splendid citizens; helped promote law and order and bequeathed to this Republic 11 (eleven) children from whose ranks came farmers, ranchers, tradesmen, soldiers, teachers, clergymen, scholars, physicians, jurists and legislators. The world has been made better for them having lived."

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CHILDREN OF JESSE A. & MARTHA JANE GRAHAM

Sarah Emeline (Graham) Blackwell and Thomas:

Sarah was born in 1827 in Jackson County, Alabama. Her parents were neighbors to Peter and Lydia Blackwell, whose son, Joel, Sarah married in 1843 in Tennessee. Their first two children were born near Princeton, after which they moved to Rusk County, Texas, where they were soon joined by Jesse and several other relatives and friends. Five more children were born to Joel and Sarah in Rusk County. In 1856 Joel and Sarah moved their family to Coryell County, as had most of their relatives, and Joel claimed 640 acres in the Draper Survey. Three additional children were born in Coryell County.

Joel joined the Confederate Army in 1862 and died only 7 months later in Arkansas. News of his death was brought home by Chas. S. Thomas, who Sarah later married. They had one son, Charley Thomas.

Children of the Blackwell marriage were: Martha

Jane Everett; John Milton Blackwell; Geo. Wash. "Dock" Blackwell; Amos Jefferson "Ame" Blackwell; Peter Willis Blackwell; William Newton Blackwell; Mary Ann Mitchell; Benjamin David Blackwell; Alex Jefferson Blackwell; and Lydia Ellen Mitchell.

Sarah's children grew into community-conscious, hard-working farmers, ranchers, tradesmen, and businessmen and ladies whose descendants have excelled in every walk of life.

Isaac Jackson Graham:

Isaac, or "Jack" as he was called, was born in Jackson County, Alabama, in 1829, where he attended school near Princeton and later became its assistant teacher. He moved with his parents to Rusk County, Texas, in 1849, where he again was an assistant teacher in the only school in Rusk County.

In 1857, after Jack had moved with his parents to Coryell County, he met and married Sarah Ann Kinsey. They settled on 160 acres near King in Coryell County where Jack opted to farm the rest of his life. He died in 1888 and is buried in the King Cemetery. Sarah outlived him by 20 years.

Jack and Sarah's ten children were as follows: Sarah Jane Davis; Martha Lucinda Hanes and Robertson; Nancy Rosette Havens and Webb; Emily Fanny Webb and Blackstock; Thomas Franklin; Alvin C.; Felix G.; Samuel Wesley; Martin Luther; and Aaron.

Jack was loved and respected by all who knew him, as were his children and their descendants.

Curtis Beason Graham I:

Curtis was born near Princeton, Alabama, in 1831. He attended school in Princeton until 1849 when his parents moved to Texas, and then he attended when time permitted. A skilled teamster, he freighted in 1850-51 between Alabama and Shreveport, and from 1852-55 between Shreveport and Rusk County.

In 1855 Curtis married Elizabeth Thornton and moved to Coryell County with the rest of the Grahams. He took a pre-emption claim on Brown's Creek, but later homesteaded 180 acres near Harmony. After joining the Confederate Army at the outbreak of the Civil War and going to Galveston to help regain it for the Confederacy, he returned home where he farmed and served as a lay preacher in the Primitive Baptist Church for the rest of his life.

Elizabeth died in 1874 leaving Curtis with six minor children. Two years later he married Melissa Swanner and had seven additional children. In 1897, she too died, and Curtis followed her in death in 1911.

Children with Elizabeth were: Mary Ellen Richards; Harrison M.; E. Jesse; John E.; Walton; and Sarah Emaline Nunn. Children with Melissa were: Melissa E. "Lizzie" Wright; Isobel Graham; Ella Vera Wilson; Curtis Beason II; Isaac Emeriah; Julia L. Norman, Miller and Bates; and Nancy Wilson and Howard.

The children of Curtis settled in the Coryell County

area and carried on in the Scottish tradition of hard work and social consciousness. Most were relocated by the establishment of Camp Hood in 1942. Their descendants have been widely dispersed, but they too have been achievers and excelled.

John Curtis Graham:

Born near Princeton, Alabama, in 1834, John was 15 when Jesse moved to Rusk County, Texas. He attended school near Tatum where his brother Jack taught, and was married in 1851 to Mary Jane Sartin. They moved to Coryell County soon after the other Grahams, claimed 800 acres, and were listed in the 1870 Census with children Mary Aldora, 11; Wm. Thaddeus, 5; and Malcolm Lee, 1. The 1900 Coryell County Census shows John married to Pauline (?) with Major, 16; Alfred F., 9; and Agnes, 7. Records show that John probably died in Arkansas after 1911.

Descendents of John and his family are being sought, as are others with information about the lives of John and his family. Anyone with information, please contact the author. Reports of John and his family characterize them as a credit to the Graham family, and their stories should be included in "The History of Clan Graham."

Ozias Denton Graham, M.D.:

Only 13 years old was "Dent", as he was called by his family, when he moved from Alabama to Texas with his parents in 1849. He attended school at Tatum, helped with the family farmwork, and did as his older brother, Curtis - married a Thornton and moved to Coryell County with the rest of the Grahams. With his wife, Martha Matilda, he first settled in the Henson Creek Community where they farmed and had their first 6 children: Martha Matilda Taylor (the only girl in 15 children!), Jesse, John, James Duncan "D", Ozias Denton Jr., Abner, and William Smith Graham.

Details are lacking, but in 1867 Dent completed a program to become a physician and located his family in Gatesville. Records show that many of the babies in the Coryell County area were delivered by Dr. O. D. Graham. Indeed, he had 8 more sons of his own: Ben. Franklin, Andrew Loranzo, Mastellow Marallas, Presley, Ulysses, Oscar Hezekiah, Ellesha Elihue, and Odis.

In the early 1880s Dr. Dent Graham moved to Edwards County, Texas, where he practiced medicine until his death. He and a son, M. M., who was in training to become a physician, had gone to Vance to treat the sick during an unknown epidemic in 1892 when they succumbed to it themselves. They both are buried in Vance. "Greater love hath no man"

Martha Jane (Graham) Manning:

Martha was ten when Jesse settled in Rusk County. As her older sister and brothers, she attended school in Tatum where her brother was teaching. She was a good student.

Martha was 16 when her parents relocated to Coryell County. She was pretty, and a favorite of the family. Apparently she was also a favorite of James Duncan Manning, for in 1856 they married and began their family of 11 children who lived to adulthood.

James and Martha settled on 119 acres near Jesse where James became a superior rancher, businessman, and leader in the community. Gid Graham said of James: "He was an exemplary and law-abiding citizen, was a handsome man - superbly formed, and had large blue eyes and black hair...." The family that James and Martha began on the Cowhouse exerts its presence in Central Texas to this day. Their children: Victoria Murphey and Pondors; George; Mary Ellen Sikes; Martha Ann Curry; Robert; Michael; Wm Franklin; "Fannie" Proctor; "Delia" Hogan; "Sallie" Hensley; Lucy Everett; and James "Jim" Monroe Manning.

Martha Jane was loved for her acts of kindness and hospitality by all who knew her.

William Smith Graham, M.D.: Great Great

Will was only eight when his parents settled in Rusk County. He attended Tatum School with his brothers and helped on the farm. He was strong and willing to work, and was of great help to Jesse on his move to Coryell County. Soon after Jesse settled in Coryell County, Will's older brothers married, which made Will the oldest son living at home.

When only 16, in 1857, Will went to North Carolina for his sweetheart, Ann Eliza Alley, who had gone there to live with an uncle. Will returned her to Texas, married her, and rented a ten-acre plot of land with a one-room cabin on it. The following year they moved to Coryell County and obtained a farm near his father. It was on that farm that the first 6 of their 12 children were born.

In about 1860 Will entered the same program as his older brother, Dr. Dent Graham, to become a physician. He achieved that objective in 1869 and moved to Gatesville to practice. Coryell County records show that Dr. William S. Graham delivered many of the babies born in the area and traveled by buggy and horseback over a wide area to treat the sick and injured. Ben Leslie Graham, Jr., a great-grandson of Dr. Wm S. Graham, still has a thimble used by Dr. Will to suture patients. (Ben's mother, April Pass Graham, is a glorious 93 years young and lives in Goldthwaite. Her vivid memory of the early days is the source of much information. A grand lady!)

In about 1880 Dr. Will moved his family and medical practice to Sweetwater for the remainder of his short life. He died at 43 in 1884; Ann lived until 1926. Their eight children who reached adulthood were: Jehu; Great Gideon; Wm. Henry; Polly Foster; Alabama Waldrup; Alice Moody; Caladona Pruitt; and Florah Bell Brown.

The world is a better place for Dr. Wm. S. Graham and Ann Alley having lived. Their courage and devotion to family and mankind in trying circumstances is

inspirational. And their descendents have carried on in that same custom.

Jesse Abner Graham II:

But a child of 5 when his father, Jesse Graham I, moved to Rusk County, Jesse Graham II remembered the move in his adult life, and also remembered the subsequent move to Coryell County in 1855. He later remarked that when the Grahams passed through Dallas, it could have almost been loaded into a wagon.

Jesse II matured on the Cowhouse, farming with his father and managing cattle on the open range. He also served, as did his brothers, in a Ranger Company to control the menace of marauding Comanches and a white criminal element. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted in the Confederate cause and fought in the Battle of Galveston.

After the war Jesse II married Cornelia Griffin and settled on a farm near his father. He and Cornelia worked hard, acquired more land, and were respected members of the community. Cornelia preceeded Jesse in death in 1917, after which he married Matti Pollard and lived in Killeen. Several of his relatives lived with him from time to time, and he lived happily until his death in 1920.

Jesse's and Cornelia's children were: Martha Jane Fleming, Graham, and Robinett; Wm. Sylvester; "Beckie" Ann Robinett; Texanna Elizabeth Lover and Langston; and Rosa Ellen Colvin.

Jesse was intelligent, handsome, and a Scotsman in looks and demeanor. Only medium in size, his character and achievements stood well above the norm of the community.

Hulda Ann (Graham) McCloud:

Born in Alabama in 1846, Hulda was nine when the Grahams arrived in Coryell County. Records show her attending school in 1860, presumably at Harmony. In 1864 she married Joseph Abbott, by whom she had Sarah E. Abbott. Nothing is known of their lives together, or of what happened to him, but the Census of 1870 shows Hulda Ann and her 5 year-old daughter, Sarah E., living with Hulda's father, Jesse Graham I. Hulda Ann was listed as unmarried at that time.

In August of 1870 Hulda Ann married John P. McCloud, who was from Tennessee and whose father came from Scotland. They settled in Coryell County where in the Census of 1880 he was listed as a farmer. Living with them was Hulda's daughter, Sarah, 14, and three daughters of John and Hulda: Mary A., 9; Senora, 6; and Lenora, 4.

Nothing more is known of Hulda and her family except that the Census of 1900 shows Hulda Ann as a widow, the mother of four with one living, and living with her niece, Victoria E. (Manning) Pondors, the daughter of Hulda's sister, Martha Jane.

Anyone having information about Hulda or her descendents is urged to contact the author soon.

Benjamin Franklin Graham:

"Frank", as he was called, was a new-born when Jesse and Martha moved from Alabama to Texas. By the time he started to school, his parents had relocated again to Coryell County. It was there he grew up, helping on the farm and attending Jesse's horses and cows. And as Jesse grew older, Frank was given responsibility for the estate.

In 1871 Frank and his younger brother, James Monroe, with whom he had been so close during childhood, married sisters and remained close for the rest of their lives. The sister that Frank married was Sarah Abigail Fleming. They married in 1870, after which they worked Jesse's farm and ranch until 1908 when they moved to Swisher County to join other Grahams who were moving there. Frank also became a blacksmith by trade at which he excelled. Although he became prominent in Coryell County, he remained charitable to the needy. He fed a large number of hogs, most of the meat from which was given to the needy in the community.

Frank's and Sarah's children were born and raised in Coryell County. Those who lived to adulthood were: Ida O. Graham; Ellihue "Elli" F.; Bertha Mae Hilliard; Kizzie D. Graham; Willie Myrtle Graham; and Millie Dovie Graham.

Frank was a superior person. He was a large man, intelligent and strong, and very caring. Those same traits have appeared in his and Sarah's descendants, who also have excelled in life.

James Monroe Graham:

As adjectives such as strong, handsome, intelligent, fearless, ambitious, and caring have characterized the Grahams for many generations, it cannot be said that the best was being saved for the last, James Monroe Graham, but it can and must be stated that all of those adjectives and more are required to describe Monroe, as his friends called him, and his descendants.

Monroe was born in Rusk County, but attended school and grew up in Coryell County. He helped his older brothers on their parents' farm and ranch, at which he became good. He also learned to be a blacksmith, and later became one of the best wheelwrights in Texas.

The Fleming sister that Monroe married was Elizabeth, who like her sister Sarah who married Frank Graham was a diminutive person. But she, like Sarah, was loving, kind, persuasive - and tough - and made a perfect match for Monroe who was 6'4" in an era when 6' was regarded as towering. They first farmed in Coryell County, but tried other ways of earning a living in neighboring counties before returning to farming in Coryell County. In 1890 Monroe moved his family to Borden County, and then Stevens County before he and his oldest son, Middleton, bought a section of land in Nolan County on which they built homes. Jehu Graham, the oldest son of Dr. Wm. S. Graham, was well established and respected in Nolan County, which influenced Monroe and several other Grahams to move to the area. However, beginning

in 1908, most of those Grahams moved to Swisher County. Monroe and Elizabeth lived there until their deaths, hers in 1927, and his in 1932.

Monroe and Elizabeth had ten children who lived to be adults: Perline Trimble; Middleton Curtis; Ben Franklin; Sarah Emily Davis; Francis Marion; William Aaron; Newton; Jasper; William Smith; and Bessie Beulah Payne. Their accomplishments, and those of their descendants, are voluminous. Monroe and his family typify the best of the Clan Graham tradition.

NOTE: It should be obvious that these thumbnail sketches of the children of Jesse A. Graham I and Martha Jane (Fannin) Graham are only brief glimpses at their lives because space in this Newsletter does not permit more. However, more detailed stories will be presented in the Program at the Graham Reunion, and complete biographies of that family will be included with the many other Grahams in "The History of Clan Graham." These brief sketches have been given only as a preview to those who may know nothing of the Jesse Graham family.

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AGENDA FOR CLAN GRAHAM GENEALOGY PROGRAM

On the back of this page appears the Agenda and Schedule for the Program that will be presented at the Graham Reunion. It is mostly self-descriptive, but a few explanatory remarks will be given below.

The original plan for the Clan Graham Reunion was for a two-day affair on July 2nd and 3rd, but the Hall was not available on the 2nd. Therefore, we must crowd two days of activities into one, which is July 3rd. We need to get an early start, so the Hall will be open at 8:00 A.M. with plenty of coffee and iced-tea - perhaps some doughnuts - available throughout the day. Please arrive as early as possible so we can have time to visit with one another. Those who must travel from long distances and want nearby motel rooms, please make your needs known so we can help you with reservations and other arrangements. Within ten miles are modern motels with clean and spacious rooms that rent for approximately \$30 per night, double occupancy.

The Program will begin at 10:00 AM with a Welcome and Introduction of Speakers. Then a big moment - Recognition of Family Groups! Although many of us are cousins and close relatives, many of us have never met, or it may have been so long since we saw each other that we will not recognize one another. Hair has a way of changing colors, or maybe disappearing, and faces and body shapes tend to change with birthdays. Those changes are associated in other clans with the aging process; however, we in Clan Graham happily boast that our members do not age - we simply acquire marks of distinction to celebrate our achievements! For this event the Emcee will typically announce, "Now, will all descendants of Martha Jane (Graham) Manning please stand and introduce yourselves." It will give us all an introduction to each

other that we would not otherwise get.

At 10:15 a brief history of Scotland, and the history of the Grahams in Scotland will be given. You will be amazed and delighted at your Scottish connection.

Beginning at 10:30, a history of the Grahams in America will be given. Five minutes each will be devoted to the first Graham in America, William Graham the Signer, his oldest son, John Graham, and his oldest son, Jesse Graham. At that time a Luncheon Period will begin during which we will spread our Basket Lunches for eating and talking, or those who wish may visit one of the local restaurants for lunch.

The Program will resume at 1:00 with ten minute presentations on the lives of each of the children of Jesse and Martha Jane Graham. In most cases a descendent of each of those children will make the presentations. This will be an opportunity for each of us to learn about our ancestors and relatives, and everyone is encouraged to participate. We want to hear your stories! Please bring any old photographs that you may have of our ancestors to show the rest of us. What an opportunity this will be for sharing. From my collection I intend to exhibit many photographs, as well as old maps and documents.

At 3:10 we will take a ten-minute break, and resume at 3:20 for the closing of the Program during which I will acquaint you with the Clan Graham Society and the status of the set of books I am writing, "The History Of Clan Graham." To close the Program, a Benediction and Prayer will be offered, and the remainder of the day will be free visiting. Feel free to stay as late as you wish.

Please make a special effort to attend this Reunion, and bring as many of your family as you can. It is intended to be the biggest and best get-together that the Grahams have ever had. Indeed, if we can make this Reunion a success, we can make it an annual affair. Clan Campbell has annual reunions with a couple of thousand members attending. If Clan Campbell can do it, Clan Graham can do even better. Grahams have most always been able to outdo the Campbells, and then when we could not - we married them!

For the sake of planning, please cut out the RSVP Slip below, fill it out, and mail it with \$7.50 per family to help defray costs to the address shown on the RSVP Slip. Hazel is one of my four wonderful sisters who has consented to help with the arrangements. (Thank God for sisters!) From the RSVP Slips returned we will know how many chairs and tables to set up, and how to help you with anything else you may wish. Be assured that it will be a fun day you will never forget. BRING CAMERAS!!

SPECIAL TRIBUTE

My oldest brother, Curtis J. Graham, spent many years and a great deal of money researching Graham Genealogy. He is presently incapacitated with Parkinson's Disease and will be unable to attend our Graham Reunion. Curt, I salute you as the World's greatest Big Brother, and I acknowledge the value of your work as being inestimable. Thanks for your help.

PROGRAM FOR CLAN GRAHAM GENEALOGY PRESENTATION

10:00 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:
Introduction of Speakers
Recognition of Family Groups
Recognition of Friends of Family Groups
10:15 HISTORY OF SCOTLAND FROM ROMANS TO 1800
(Including History of Grahams in Scot.)
Montrose Branch of Clan Graham
Menteith Branch of Clan Graham
Border Grahams
Scotch-Irish Grahams
10:30 HISTORY OF GRAHAMS IN AMERICA:
William Graham the Signer
John Graham I
11:00 LUNCH PERIOD
1:00 Jesse Graham I
Sarah Emeline (Graham) Blackwell
Isaac Jackson Graham
Curtis Beason Graham

1:40 John Curtis Graham
1:50 Ozias Denton Graham, M.D.
2:00 Break
2:10 Martha Jane (Graham) Manning
2:20 William Smith Graham, M.D.
2:30 Jesse Abner Graham II
2:40 Hulda Ann (Graham) McCloud
2:50 Benjamin Franklin Graham
3:00 James Monroe Graham
3:10 Break
3:20 CLAN GRAHAM SOCIETY PRESENTATION
3:30 STATUS OF "HISTORY OF CLAN GRAHAM"
3:40 BENEDICTION & PRAYER

RSVP AND REGISTRATION FORM

Yes, I plan on attending the Graham Reunion, and plan on bringing _____ with me.
(how many)

Name: _____
Street: _____
City, State, & Zip _____

Mail to: Hazel (Graham) Wilkinson
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